progressive use of Hindi, with a view to elevating it to the status of an official language; and

(b) whether it is a fact that in some non-Hindi States the measures taken for the progress of Hindi are not adequate and if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The Government of India has taken adequate measures to promote and propagate Hindi in the country especially in non-Hindi speaking States|UTs. For this purpose, the Department of Education has implemented a number of schemes during the year 1986-87 which include financial assistance to voluntary organisations for promotion of Hindi in non-Hindi speaking States|Union Territories; financial assistance for appointment of Hindi teachers in non-Hindi speaking States|UTs; financial assistance for opening of Hindi Teachers Training Colleges in non-Hindi speaking States UTs; preparation of a consolidated glossary of administrative terms; holding of workshops for Neo-Hindi writers from Non-Hindi States and training of Hindi Teachers from Non-Hindi States.

Implementation of Nurses Demands

*333. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the final decisions about Nurses' demands for (1) grant of qualification allowance, (2) special pay, (3) extra work allowance, (4) family accommodation and (5) transport facility and also re-structuring of the cadre of nurses;

(b) what are the reactions of the nurses to these decisions; and

(c) by when these are proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Position regarding these demands of Nurses working in the Central Government Hospitals etc. is as follows:—

(i) *Qualification Allowance*: It has been decided in principle to grant two (Non-absorbable) increments to Nurses for approved qualifications. Modalities for the same are being worked out in consultation with the Department of Personnel and Training and the Ministry of Finance.

(ii) *Special Pay*: Orders doubling the rate of special pay to the Nurses working in certain special areas in pursuance of the general orders issued by the Government consequent on the recommendations of the 4th Pay Commission have been issued. Besides, the report of the Committee set up to identify the additional areas wherein this benefit can be extended, is separately under consideration.

(iii) *Extra Work Allowance*: It has been decided that as and when the general scheme of grant of Extra Work Allowance gets finalized, the same will be made applicable to the Nurses also.

(iv) *Famil Accommodation*: It has explained to the Nurses that it would not be possible to provide family accommodation to all Nurses. However, HRA will be available to all such unmarried Nurses who are not staying in the Hospitals.

(v) *Transport Facilities*: It was explained to Nurses that it would not be possible to provide transport facilities to Nurses.

(vi) *Restructing of the Cadre*: The matter is under consideration of the Cadre Review Committee which uptill now has held four meetings. The decisions, as and when taken on the demands as at (i) to (iii) and (vi) above, will be made applicable expeditiously.